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Docket No.: 57454-178

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Shoichiro NAKAZAWA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7532
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE (As Amended)

LETTER UNDER 37 CFR 1.312 AND
REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed June 8, 2004.

The Notice of Allowability indicates this communication is responsive to the Appeal Brief filed February 17, 2004. We believe this date is incorrect. The Appeal Brief was filed February 4, 2004. Additionally, applicants filed an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 on **March 9, 2004**. It appears that this Amendment has not been considered and entered into the record.

The Notice of Allowability and the Examiner's Amendment attached thereto indicates that claims 1-11 have been allowed. We believe this is also incorrect. The total allowed claims should read 7-11. Claims 1-6 were withdrawn from consideration under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.142(b) as the result of a restriction requirement.

In accordance with a telephone conversation with the Examiner on June 29, 2004, we are filing this request to clarify the Notice of Allowability

It is respectfully requested that a Supplemental Notice of Allowability be mailed correcting these errors and that the records of the Patent Office be corrected to ensure that the deed of Letters Patent will be printed correctly.

Respectfully submitted,

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